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SUBJECT: COURT COMMUTES FOUR DEATH SENTENCES IN PENINSULA
LIONS CASE

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¶1. On June 19, Kuwait's highest court, the Court of Cassation, commuted the death sentences to life imprisonment for four defendants in the Peninsula Lions case. The Peninsula Lions came to prominence in January 2005 following armed clashes with Kuwait security forces. Under Kuwaiti law, a life sentence is equal to 25 years of imprisonment.

¶2. The reduced sentences for Mohammed Saad, Abdullah Saeed, Mohammed Essa, and Salah Abdullah were the first decisions by the Court of Cassation in the Peninsula Lions case. The Court is reviewing 32 other Peninsula Lions verdicts with decisions expected in the near future. Currently among the defendants, there are:

- Six life sentences,
- Nine sentences greater than ten years,
- 11 sentences less than four years, and
- 10 not guilty verdicts.

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